

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1    1.    A method for managing data across an enterprise , comprising the steps of:  
2    (a)    receiving a request for information from a user;  
3    (b)    searching for data relating to the user request in at least two geographically  
4    separated information repositories;  
5    (c)    presenting results of the search to the user;  
6    (d)    allowing the user to browse through additional data of the information  
7    repositories; and  
8    (e)    creating links between data items and other data entries in the information  
9    repositories according to relationships the data items have to the other data  
10    entries.
- 1    2.    A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a  
2    chart showing statistics about data in the information repositories.
- 1    3.    A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the request for information is about  
2    a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of clients, topics,  
3    documents, and projects about which that person has made entries into the  
4    information repositories is output to the user.
- 1    4.    A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user is allowed to select a  
2    category as part of the request for information for limiting the results of the  
3    search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:  
4    person, document, topic, project, and client.
- 1    5.    A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the results of the search include  
2    abstracts of the data found during the search.

- 1     6.     A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of preparing a  
2           dossier including people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the  
3           requested information.
  
- 1     7.     A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for  
2           managing data across an enterprise, comprising:  
3           (a)    a code segment that receives a request for information from a user;  
4           (b)    a code segment that searches for data relating to the user request in at least  
5           two geographically separated information repositories;  
6           (c)    a code segment that presents results of the search to the user;  
7           (d)    a code segment that allows the user to browse through additional data of the  
8           information repositories; and  
9           (e)    a code segment that creates links between data items and other data entries in  
10          the information repositories according to relationships the data items have to  
11          the other data entries.
  
- 1     8.     A computer program as recited in claim 7, further comprising a code  
2           segment that generates a chart showing statistics about data in the  
3           information repositories.
  
- 1     9.     A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the request for  
2           information is about a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of  
3           clients, topics, documents, and projects about which that person has made  
4           entries into the information repositories is output to the user.
  
- 1     10.    A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the user is allowed to  
2           select a category as part of the request for information for limiting the results  
3           of the search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:  
4           person, document, topic, project, and client.

- 1 11. A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the results of the search  
2 include abstracts of the data found during the search.
- 1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 7, further comprising a code  
2 segment that prepares a dossier including people, prior documents, and past  
3 projects pertaining to the requested information.
- 1 13. A system for managing data across an enterprise, comprising:  
2 (a) logic that receives a request for information from a user;  
3 (b) logic that searches for data relating to the user request in at least two  
4 geographically separated information repositories;  
5 (c) logic that presents results of the search to the user;  
6 (d) logic that allows the user to browse through additional data of the  
7 information repositories; and  
8 (e) logic that creates links between data items and other data entries in the  
9 information repositories according to relationships the data items have to the  
10 other data entries.
- 1 14. A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising logic that generates a  
2 chart showing statistics about data in the information repositories.
- 1 15. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the request for information is about  
2 a person, and wherein data relating to at least one of clients, topics,  
3 documents, and projects about which that person has made entries into the  
4 information repositories is output to the user.
- 1 16. A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the user is allowed to select a  
2 category as part of the request for information for limiting the results of the  
3 search, wherein the category is selected from the group consisting of:  
4 person, document, topic, project, and client.

- 1    17.    A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the results of the search include  
2           abstracts of the data found during the search.
  
- 1    18.    A system as recited in claim 13, further comprising logic that prepares a  
2           dossier including people, prior documents, and past projects pertaining to the  
3           requested information.